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FIGHTING PROGRAMME

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However difficult or dangerous the task may be, the Party is determined to fight its way forward, step by step, towards the fulfillment of the 12 Points of this programme - and the leaders of the Party themselves never to swerve from this objective.

John Hargrave
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WAR DEMANDS A DEBT-FREE BRITAIN!

WE DECLARE THAT—

The British People must have direction and leadership in order to:—

- 1 BREAK THE STRANGLEHOLD OF FINANCE.**
- 2 FREE THE INDIVIDUAL BY ESTABLISHING A SANE ECONOMIC SYSTEM.**
- 3 REGENERATE THE NATION BY IMPLEMENTING A DEFINITE PROGRAMME OF RECONSTRUCTION.**

Words are not enough. We must gather together the most vigorous intellects and the most energetic fearless, and unrelenting types from all classes and sections of the community to build up, consolidate, and direct the determination of the British People to liberate themselves from the Dead Hand of Finance, by developing a National Movement which shall bring pressure to bear:—

- 1 INSIDE PARLIAMENT.**
- 2 OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT.**

The Social Credit Party has formulated, and is pledged to put into effect, this Programme of Social Economic Regeneration, immediately power has been wrested from the Hidden Government of Finance.

THE TWELVE POINTS OF THE FIGHTING PROGRAMME

- 1 **FINANCE:** *Establish a Sane Economic System.*
- 2 **GOVERNMENT:** *Make the Will of the People Effective.*
- 3 **WORK:** *Abolish Unemployment and Wage Slavery.*
- 4 **DEFENCE:** *Create Effective Defence Forces.*
- 5 **FOOD SUPPLY:** *Regenerate the Soil.*
- 6 **HEALTH:** *Regenerate the People.*
- 7 **INDUSTRY:** *Increase Mechanisation.*
- 8 **BUILDING:** *Demolish the Slums: Build New Towns and Cities.*
- 9 **TRANSPORT:** *Reorganise the Transport System.*
- 10 **EDUCATION:** *Provide Equal Opportunity for All.*
- 11 **CULTURE:** *Make Leisure Available to All.*
- 12 **FOREIGN POLICY:** *Abolish War.*

1 FINANCE: *Establish a Sane Economic System*

Economic Freedom	THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF EVERY CITIZEN LIVING IN THESE ISLANDS TO BE ESTABLISHED.
The Monetary System	<p>Finance to be subservient to the Will of the People and to be operated on a debt-free basis.</p> <p>The sole object of production is consumption: therefore the monetary system to be made to reflect the economic facts of Real Wealth Production.</p>
Banking	Banking and Financial Institutions to function as a <i>National Book-keeping Service</i> and not as money-lenders and credit manipulators.
Usury	Usury to be abolished.
Basic Principles of Social Credit	<p>The following basic principles of Social Credit to govern the financial mechanism of the internal economy of these islands in order to fill the existing gap between purchasing power and prices and make the home market effective:—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Consumer purchasing-power to be collectively equal, at any given moment, to the collective cash prices of goods and services offered for sale to the consumer (irrespective of the "cost" prices of such goods and services as now calculated). Such purchasing-power to be cancelled or depreciated only on the purchase or depreciation of such goods and services.b) Credits required to finance production not to be supplied from savings but to be new credits relating to new production, recalled only in the ratio of general depreciation to general appreciation.c) Distribution of purchasing-power to individual citizens to be progressively less dependent upon employment. Wages and salaries to be progressively displaced by the National Dividend as productive capacity increases per man-hour.

**Social
Credit
Mechanism**

The following mechanism to be immediately set up and put into operation:—

1. THE NATIONAL CREDIT OFFICE to be opened, which shall calculate and authorise the issue of
2. THE NATIONAL DIVIDEND based upon the productive capacity of the community as a whole as a flat-rate share of the Nation's Real Wealth to every citizen, whether in employment or not, and over and above wages, salaries, or dividends from investments.
3. THE PRICE ADJUSTMENT to be applied, whereby prices are prevented from cancelling out the increase in consumer purchasing power, thus avoiding inflation.

WITHOUT THE APPLICATION OF THESE THREE POINTS THE REST OF THE PROGRAMME OF NATIONAL REGENERATION CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT.

Budget

The Budget to show Real Wealth Production (including Imports) on the one hand, and Real Wealth Consumption (including Exports) on the other.

Taxation

All forms of taxation to be systematically lowered and finally eliminated.

Land

Ultimate ownership of land to be vested in the Crown. A National Land Office to be established and no transfer of real estate directly between either persons or business undertakings to be recognised without the approval of the Government.

**Foreign
Trade**

An Import-Export Clearing House to be established in order to facilitate international trade and to eliminate any kind of foreign financial "hold-up."

2 GOVERNMENT: *Make the Will of the People Effective*

Democracy	<p>THE INDIVIDUAL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE STATE. THE STATE IS AN ORGANISATION, NOT AN ORGANISM, AND EXISTS ONLY FOR THE GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL.</p> <p>Therefore, Democratic Government to be made effective by means of a technique whereby the Will of the People is first ascertained by rapid referendum and then translated into action on the principle of direct leadership and responsibility throughout the administrative system by Heads of Departments directing the Civil Services.</p>
Decentralisation	<p>The Principle of Decentralisation to be established allowing social, political, and cultural self-determination to England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland within the framework of a United British Government.</p>
Representation	<p>The United British Government to be formed from representatives elected by the peoples of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.</p>
Balloting	<p>Governmental bodies to be elected by secret ballot and all second votes abolished.</p>
Bureaucracy	<p>Bureaucratic control to be reduced to the minimum.</p>
The Law	<p>The Law to be simplified and made intelligible to the layman. Legal interference in the private life of the individual to be progressively reduced. Judges to remain independent of the Government. Litigation to be equally accessible to all.</p>
Religion	<p>Freedom of Worship to be maintained.</p>
Information	<p>The People to be told the Truth. Publication of all news sources dealing with current affairs to be compulsory.</p> <p>A National Information Bureau to be established to which all citizens may apply for reliable information.</p>
The Press	<p>Freedom of the Press to be guaranteed.</p>

3 WORK: *Abolish Unemployment and Wage Slavery*

**Freedom
to Work
at Work
Worth Doing**

FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF SOCIAL CREDIT THERE WILL BE WORK FOR ALL.

For a period of ten years, failure on the part of any individual to accept suitable employment will render such individual liable to suspension of benefit in respect of the National Dividend. After this period, the National Dividend to be paid unconditionally.

**Reduction
of Working
Hours**

Hours of work to be progressively reduced as mechanised production increases, since the object of a Sane Economic System is not to make Work but to provide goods and services as, when, and where required by the community.

A five-day working week of forty hours to be the maximum.

Holidays

One month's holiday a year with pay for all.

**Provision
for
Old Age**

All persons over fifty years of age to receive the National Dividend unconditionally and immediately irrespective of any pensions.

**Trade
Unions**

Complete Freedom for Trade Union Organisations.

Guilds

National Guilds to be developed.

4 DEFENCE: *Create Effective Defence Forces*

Debt-free Defence	<p>ONLY A DEBT-FREE NATION CAN DEFEND ITSELF SUCCESSFULLY</p> <p>Defence organisation, training, and supplies to be financed on a debt-free basis.</p>
Striking Power	<p>After the Social Credit Revolution, the victorious National Will to be immediately mobilised against any reprisals from the Money Power at home or abroad.</p>
Defence Forces	<p>To-day technical quality counts for more than drilled quantity.</p> <p>Therefore the Army, Navy, and Air Force to be mechanised to the full with the aim of permeating and dominating areas rather than capturing lines: of paralysing the enemy's action and destroying his will to war, as opposed to annihilating his forces.</p> <p>Officers and men to be selected for a high standard of intelligence and initiative.</p>
Training and Supplies	<p>National Credit for Defence to be expended on the full development of:—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Production of arms and mechanical equipment.2. Training of an army, navy, and air force dependent less on numbers than on skill and equipment.3. Training of technicians and skilled workers.4. Immediate storage of food and accumulation of reserves of necessary imported materials.5. The foundation of a National Defence Research Service to deal with (a) study of strategy and the basic problems of modern war with particular regard to the relationship between military effort and objectives and the social conditions of the People and (b) technical research and invention.
A People's Army	<p>A Debt-Free Britain is a Britain worth defending. The British People will defend what is truly their own, without compulsion. Therefore, a People's Army to be formed and recruited on a voluntary basis.</p>
Private Manufacture of Arms	<p>Production of arms for profit by private manufacturers will be automatically controlled by the Nation through the national control of credit.</p>
Civilian Population	<p>Complete protection to be provided for the civil population and for all key industries against aerial attack.</p>

5 FOOD SUPPLY : *Regenerate the Soil*

Agriculture	REGENERATION OF THE SOIL TO BE SYSTEMATICALLY DEVELOPED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE FOOD DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO:— a) Make these islands less and less dependent upon imported food supplies. b) Provide the People with vitalising home-grown food, and c) Make possible a sound yeoman stock bred and trained on the land.
Soil Fertility	Soil fertility to be restored by establishing and maintaining a proper balance of crop, livestock, and forest in our national agriculture.
Fair Prices to Farmers	Farmers to be assured a fair price for their produce and wages of farm workers to be proportionately raised.
Agricultural Schools	National Agricultural Training Schools to be established.
Small Scale Farming	Young farmers, after training, to be given the opportunity of being placed on holdings of their own. Small scale, self-contained, mixed farming to be taught and encouraged.
Agricultural Research	An Agricultural Research Service to be established in co-operation with the Agricultural Schools to make available all new developments in the theory and practice of farming.
Bad Farming	Land badly farmed to be sequestered.
Land Reclamation	Large-scale land reclamation schemes to be undertaken.
Tithe Payments	Tithe payments and death duties on land to be immediately abolished and a moratorium to be declared on all Bank debts and mortgages.
Marketing Boards	The Wheat Act to be repealed. All Marketing Boards to be closed down.

Afforestation

Trees are essential to agriculture. A treeless country soon becomes a waste land. Britain is to-day the worst forested country in Europe.

Large scale re-afforestation to be carried out and the 3,000,000 acres of land in Britain known to be useless for food-growing to be systematically planted.

Derelict slag-heaps and pit-dumps to be planted and all standing woods and forests to be kept in good condition.

Fisheries

Conditions of landing, handling, and dispatch of fish to be improved and mechanised. Fish to be transported to consumers by aircraft.

A complete survey to be made of the entire fishing fleet. Obsolete and unseaworthy craft to be replaced by well-designed trawlers.

Living conditions and wages of crews to be improved as consistent with their hazardous calling.

6 HEALTH: *Regenerate the People*

Elimination of Handicaps to Health	<p>UNDER THE PRESENT ECONOMIC REGIME, BAD HOUSING AND MALNUTRITION DUE TO POVERTY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE TO ATTAIN THEIR FULL INHERITED CAPACITY FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL FITNESS, AND ENJOYMENT OF LIFE.</p> <p>Under Social Credit these handicaps to health will be eliminated and health services will become preventive not palliative.</p>
Hospitals	<p>Hospitals, Health Centres, and Clinics to be built as part of the " Britain Rebuilt " Scheme, and operated through the local authorities. All health institutions to be financed by National Credit through the National Health Service, thus rendering charity unnecessary.</p>
Medical Service	<p>Responsibility for the health of the Nation to rest upon the local medical practitioners acting under the National Health Service.</p>
Nursing	<p>Conditions to be improved for the nursing profession. Wages to be increased and hours shortened.</p>
Medical Research	<p>Adequate grants of National Credit to be made for medical research.</p>
Sport	<p>Sports grounds and facilities to be made available to all. An active interest in sport to be encouraged and stimulated by National Sports Festivals.</p>

7 INDUSTRY: *Increase Mechanisation*

Mechanisation	MECHANISATION TO BE FULLY APPLIED TO RELEASE MAN FROM UNNECESSARY TOIL.
Increase of Purchasing-power	The increase of purchasing-power effected by Social Credit will result in all industry working at full capacity until the consumers' maximum demand has been reached.
Interest-free Credits	Interest-free credits to be made available to Industry through the National Credit Office, eliminating usury and Bankers' control of industry.
Control of Production	Through control of its own credit the Nation will control production and eliminate excessive profits, but it will not necessarily own the means of production nor operate industry. Social Credit, however, does not preclude nationalisation of certain industries, nor eventually of all industry, if this be the Will of the People.
Inventions	Obsolete methods of production to be scrapped. All inventions now held in check by vested interests to be released for the benefit of the community.
Synthetic Products	Synthetic products to be developed so that the Nation may become independent in the event of a "hold-up" of foreign supplies.
Electric Power	All sources of hydro-electric power to be developed as required.
Research	Research institutions financed by National Credit to be attached to all major industries for creative research under an Industrial Research Service, which will make available all scientific data obtained.
Mining	Mining to be fully mechanised. Existing dangerous and antiquated methods of ventilating and working mines to be scrapped and up-to-date methods employed.
Safety of Workers	Stringent laws to be drawn up relating to safety of workers in mines, factories, and workshops, and rigidly enforced.

8 BUILDING: *Demolish the Slums:* *Build New Towns and Cities*

Slums	<p>ALL SLUM AREAS TO BE SYSTEMATICALLY CLEARED WITHIN ONE YEAR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>The population in these areas to be moved into temporary properly constructed mass-produced dwellings.</p> <p>The vacant sites to be made available as part of a general scheme of re-planning.</p>
"Britain Rebuilt"	<p>All operations under the " Britain Rebuilt " Scheme to be financed in accordance with Social Credit principles.</p> <p>A complete scheme to co-ordinate the redistribution of industry, population, and transport to be undertaken. Unhealthy towns to be demolished. New cities to be founded and existing towns and cities to be opened up by parkways and progressively rebuilt according to a general plan.</p>
Compensation	<p>Reasonable compensation to be paid to owners of land and buildings affected by the " Britain Rebuilt " Scheme.</p>
New Towns	<p>The new towns and cities to be planned under three main categories:—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Production Centres: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Built above ground. Fully mechanised " Mechanical Towns " having no dwelling accommodation. Free transport for workers travelling to and from these towns to be provided. (b) Built below ground. Power stations and certain automatic processes to be sunk below the surface of the earth. 2. Cultural and Research Centres: <p>New University Cities to be built complete with all necessary services and equipment. Existing University Towns to be preserved.</p> 3. Dwelling Centres: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Small towns and villages. (b) Large towns and cities in which there will be no factories. The new dwelling centres to be laid out as fully equipped Park Cities <p>The standard of rural housing to reflect the revival of agriculture.</p>

No Suburbia	Every town and city to be kept within bounds by a low coping-stone. One side of the boundary coping-stone to be town, the other side open country. No "Suburbia" to be allowed to develop.
Building Laws	New Building Laws to be drawn up and standardised. These laws to include stringent legislation against "jerry building."
Architectural Research	An Architectural Research Service to be established and financed by National Credit, to make available all the latest developments in the practice and technique of building.
Ribbon Development	Ribbon development to be stopped and all rural road frontages to be nationalised.
Smoke	The smoke nuisance to be eliminated.
Advertisement Hoardings	All rural advertisement hoardings to be abolished and urban advertising to be controlled.
A Sense of Values	A sense of values to be inculcated regarding national architecture which has been almost completely destroyed by the vandalism of the industrial-commercial period.
Historic Buildings	Buildings, towns, and villages worthy of preservation as part of the national heritage to be preserved intact.

9 TRANSPORT: *Reorganise the Transport System*

Co-ordination	RAIL, ROAD, AND AIR TRANSPORT TO BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND PROPERLY CO-ORDINATED WITH THE NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION, INDUSTRIES, AND DEFENCE.
Trunk Roads	<p>A complete trunk road system to be planned and carried out as part of the " Britain Rebuilt " Scheme. Roads to run through parkways well planted with trees. All main roads to be one-way and no roads in general use by traffic to cross at the same level. Every crossing on these roads to be " fly-over " or " clover-leaf." No roads to cross railways at the same level. Proper provision to be made for safe pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>All Dwelling Centres to be bye-passed by the trunk roads.</p>
Water-Ways	The use of inland water-ways to be redeveloped.
Shipping	A complete survey to be made of the entire merchant fleet. All obsolete and unseaworthy craft to be scrapped. National Credit to be used to assist in the building of fast, medium, and small-sized merchant ships of the latest type with good accommodation for crews. Seamen to be highly paid as is consistent with their dangerous and vital work.
Debt-free Transport	The National Transport System to be financed on a debt-free basis.

10 EDUCATION: *Provide* *Equal Opportunity for All*

Educational System	<p>THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TO BE RE-ORGANISED THROUGHOUT, SO THAT IT FORMS A "LADDER" FROM NURSERY SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY.</p> <p>The new schooling to be free of charge and open to every child in the land.</p> <p>Education to be compulsory from five to seventeen years of age. Thereafter, the various stages in the educational ladder to be entirely voluntary.</p>
New Schools	New schools of the most modern type to be built as part of the "Britain Rebuilt" Scheme.
Text Books	All educational text books to be examined and revised so that the manner of presenting facts is as nearly as possible free from distortion, confusion, and sentimentalisation.
Teaching	Teaching Service to be highly paid and the marriage bar removed.
Camps	Every urban school to have its camp counterpart in the country.
Examination System	The existing examination system to be thoroughly overhauled and modified to allow a proper valuation of physical well-being, general intelligence, and skill in making and doing as distinct from mere book learning.
The Object	The object of the New Education to be to integrate and develop the individual in order that he may be able to LIVE AND TO LIVE SPLENDIDLY.
Debt-free Education	Education to be financed by National Credit on a debt-free basis.

11 CULTURE: *Make Leisure Available to All*

The Arts FULL ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ARTS TO FORM A MAJOR PART OF NATIONAL REGENERATION.

Sun-Energy Sun-Energy, the source of Life, shines on everyone—free of charge. Man can now convert it by his inventions into applied energy and has thereby created the POWER AGE OF PLENTY.

Leisure Social Credit stands for the free association of individuals in a state that is definitely aiming at becoming a Leisure State in a Power Age.

Culture cannot exist without Leisure and Economic Security. In the past only minorities, living on slave labour or exploitation, enjoyed these. Now the Machine can release all men from scarcity and toil, and can thus create the foundation for a universal culture. The culture of the future will flower from the soil of the Sane Economics of Social Credit.

12 FOREIGN POLICY: *Abolish War*

No War: No Tyranny

THERE IS NO NEED WHATSOEVER FOR THE WORLD TO BE EITHER AT PEACE UNDER A SHAMEFUL TYRANNY OR AT WAR UNDER A RIGHTEOUS BANNER.

Impact on World Politics

The impact of Social Credit on World Politics is revolutionary. It has a superior ideology to the workhouse slavery of Commu-Fascism, for it offers the individual FREEDOM TO LIVE AND TO LIVE SPLENDIDLY, by giving him economic security and independence.

Social Credit is the Third Resolvent Factor to the impossible duality of the Left-Right Conflict. It will abolish the Class War and Imperialist Struggles for export markets and raw materials, which lead inevitably to international slaughter. It will bring the nations of the world to Peace and Plenty.

Trade Routes

Our trade routes and strategic positions to be defended by a fighting propaganda-diplomacy and by force of arms. Under Social Credit this would not be an Imperial Policy but a realistic one of bread-and-butter and freedom from foreign and financial domination.

Imports

Necessary imports to be obtained by normal trade and if necessary by subsidising exports with National Credit.

Foreign Trade

Foreign trade to be developed on the principle of fair exchange of goods and services — *not* debts and interest charges.

Good Neighbour

The policy of The Good Neighbour to be pursued in dealing with nations abroad. This is only possible under a Social Credit regime at home. We must put our own house in order first.

Economic disarmament is "moral rearmament" in action. Military disarmament then becomes a practical proposition. The nations of the world will follow the lead of a Debt-Free Britain.

War will be obsolete.

A NEW AGE WILL DAWN FOR BRITAIN AND THE WORLD!

BRITAIN—BREAK FREE! TOTAL WAR FOR VICTORY!

THIS PROGRAMME INTERPRETS THE WILL OF THE
BRITISH PEOPLE.

WHAT IS PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE IS FINANCIALLY
POSSIBLE

THIS PROGRAMME IS A PRACTICAL PLAN OF ACTION
IT CAN—AND WILL—BE CARRIED INTO EFFECT.
NO MODIFICATIONS! NO COMPROMISE! NO DELAY!

DOWN WITH THE MONEY POWER!
AWAY WITH THE OLD-GANG POLITICAL RACKETEERS!

FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY.
THE ONLY PARTY THAT EMBODIES THE NATIONAL
WILL-TO-LIVE.

FULL SUPPORT FOR THE FIGHTING PROGRAMME.

NOT LESS FOR SOME BUT MORE FOR ALL!
SOCIAL CREDIT THE ONLY REMEDY!
SOCIAL CREDIT IS COMING!

*"Yea, and why, even of yourselves judge ye not
what is right?"*